(b) whether any complaints have been received in the matter so far;

(c) if so, the action taken thereon;

(d) whether Government propose to impose any restriction on such agencies to avoid cheating of labourers; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (e) Sporadic complaints against recruiting agencies for violating the terms and conditions of the offered jobs, have been received. Immediate action is taken to settle the grievances of the workers by way of directions to the local agents. Indian Missions are also requested to solve the problems of the workers with the help of the foreign sponsor/Government. In the event of the local agents failing to solve the problems of workers, action is initiated to suspend/cancel their registration certificates.

Outstanding PF amount of employees of fertilizer companies

1301. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether many cases with regard to outstanding Provident Fund amount of class IV employees of fertilizer companies situated in Delhi are pending in Central Provident Fund Office;

(b) whether contribution of employees under contract system has not been deposited by the contractors so far;

(c) if so, the cases pending during the last three years, company-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by government for speedy disposal of these cases and action against guilty contractors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) In 12 fertilizer companies located in Delhi region having 17,168 employees, the claims of only three class-IV employees are pending since July 2001 in Central Provident Fund Office.

(b) to (d) Only in one case a complaint has been received in respect of M/s Shriram Food & Fertilizer Ltd. An enquiry U/s 7A of the employees Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 has been initiated for determination of dues.

Employment Exchanges in Meghalaya

1302. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the employment exchanges functioning at present in Meghalaya;

(b) the number of educated/unemployed, skilled/unskilled unemployed youths who have registered their names for various jobs in the employment exchanges in the State; and

(c) the number of youths provided with jobs through the employment exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) There are 10 Employment Exchanges in Meghalaya namely Divisional Employment Exchange, Shillong, District Employment Exchanges, Tura/Jowai/Williamnagar/ Nongstoin/Nongpoh and Sub-Divisional Employment Exchanges Sohra, Mairang, Ampati, Resubelpara.

(b) The number of educated/uneducated, skilled/unskilled